

State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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September 23, 2015

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT 7013 3020 0002 3659 6214

Barry Peterson Gold Star Stone, Inc. 1600 East Cottonwood P.O. Box 62 Oakley, Idaho 83346

Subject: Division Directive to Remit Permit Fees and Post Additional Reclamation Surety, Gold

Star Stone, Inc., Lone Pine Quarry, M/003/0050, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Peterson:

On August 26, 2015, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining wrote you regarding the need to increase the reclamation surety for the Lone Pine Quarry, as well as requesting that you remit the past-due annual permit fees for three years (\$1500.00).

Your response dated September 8, 2015, stated that you wanted to get current, but because of economic problems would not be able to do so by the Division's October 30, 2015, deadline.

The response letter did not mention the past due permit fees. The permit for the Lone Pine quarry is suspended until the past due fees are remitted. The Division would typically take enforcement or other action for non-payment of fees (such as revoking the permit), but in consideration of your timely response, the Division will not take action until after the January 31, 2016, deadline for the next billing cycle. On or before that date, you will need to remit the past due fees of \$1,500.00 as well as the amount for the next year of \$500.00, for a total of \$2,000.00.

The surety must be increased by \$5,900.00 before you will be allowed to continue to operate (other than reclamation) and no later than August 31, 2016. In lieu of submitting additional surety, the reclamation liability can be reduced by reclaiming a portion of the site. Please coordinate any reclamation work with Mr. Lynn Kunzler of the Division's Staff.

Please note that if the annual permit fees are not remitted and the reclamation surety issue is not resolved as discussed above by August 31, 2016, the Division will proceed with additional enforcement action and/or an order to reclaim the site.

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Please contact Lynn Kunzler at 801-538-5310 if you wish to discuss these issues more fully or schedule a meeting to do so.

Sincerely,

Paul Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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